

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) A process of aggregating demands comprising the steps of:
validating incoming data in an electronic procurement system so as to ensure said data is
valid;

processing said incoming data in the electronic procurement system so as to extract an
aggregation rule and at least one demand;

processing said aggregation rule so as to apply said aggregation rule against said at least
one demand to create at least one group based upon said aggregation rule;

outputting output data indicative of said at least one group.

12. (Original) A process of aggregating demands as in claim 11, wherein said
incoming data is XML based.

13. (Original) A process of aggregating demands as in claim 12, wherein said
output data is XML based.

14. (Withdrawn) A process of generating purchase orders through the aggregation of
shopping baskets of demands comprising the steps of:

selecting said shopping baskets to be aggregated;

building groups of said shopping baskets based upon an aggregation rule;

assigning a unique group ID for each of said groups;

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